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## 2006 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE



International Guest Speaker

**Dr Alexander Vaccaro**  
Pennsylvania, USA

Sofitel Wentworth Sydney  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 April 2006

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## 2006 SPINE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Sunday 15 January 2006

Closing Date for receipt of abstract

**NB – abstracts received later than 1700hrs EST WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

### Friday 24 March 2006

Closing date for Early Registration Fee

### Monday 20 February 2006

Confirmation of abstracts acceptance forwarded

**Please complete the registration form, detach and forward via post or fax to Taylorred Images (We suggest you keep a copy for your records)**

On-line registration is also available via the web site [www.taylorredimages.com.au](http://www.taylorredimages.com.au)

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**FOR INTERNET USERS – PLEASE SCROLL TO THE END OF THE DOCUMENT TO:**

- ▶ Download the Registration & Booking Form
- ▶ Download the Abstract Cover Sheet
- ▶ Register securely on-line

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### FRIDAY 28 APRIL

0700 – 1800	Registration
0900 – 1200	Executive Meeting
1200 – 1300	<b>Welcome Luncheon</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1300 – 1530	Scientific Session 1
1530 – 1600	<b>Afternoon Refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1600 – 1730	Poster Presentation Session
1745 – 1930	<b>Welcome Cocktail Reception</b> – Industry Exhibition Area

### SATURDAY 29 APRIL

0715 – 0815	Walk Through Continental Breakfast with the Industry
0815 – 0830	Formal Opening
0830 – 1030	Scientific Session 2
1030 – 1100	<b>Morning Refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1100 – 1230	Scientific Session 3 – Symposium <i>The Biologics in Spinal Surgery</i>
1230 – 1330	<b>Working Luncheon</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1330 – 1500	Debate <i>Are randomised controlled trials Ethical in Spinal Surgery?</i>
1500 – 1530	<b>Afternoon Refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1530 – 1730	Scientific Session 4
1730	<b>Business Meeting 1</b>
1900	<b>Conference Dinner</b>

### SUNDAY 30 APRIL

0730 – 0900	Walk through Continental Breakfast with the Industry
0800 – 0900	<b>Business Meeting 2</b>
0900 – 1100	Scientific Session 5
1100 – 1130	<b>Morning Refreshments</b> – Industry Exhibition Area
1130 – 1230	Scientific Session 6
	<b>Close of Program</b>

## AWARDS

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SPINAL RESEARCH AWARD (AS BELOW)

Please indicate on the Abstract Coversheet

### SPINAL RESEARCH AWARD

SPONSOR – MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK

This award consists of a certificate and a prize of AUD\$8,000 for the most outstanding contribution in the field of basic science, biomechanics or clinical studies of the spine, presented at the 2006 Conference, to be held in Sydney, 28–30 April 2006.

Papers are required to be in a form ready for submission to a scientific journal and must contain original material not previously published or presented at a major meeting. Multiple authors are acceptable. One of the authors will be required to present the paper at the meeting at their own expense and this person must be nominated at the time of submission of the article.

One original and five copies of each paper, in full, must reach the address below no later than Monday 16 January 2006

The address for submission of entries is:

2006 SSA Conference  
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ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

### ROB JOHNSTON AWARD

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This award consists of a certificate and a prize of between AUD\$200 and AUD\$300 from the Rob Johnston Trust Fund. It will be awarded to the best presentation by a Trainee or Fellow at the Annual Scientific Conference from the Spine Society of Australia.

### BEST PRESENTATION AWARD

SPONSOR – MEDTRONIC SOFAMOR DANEK

This Award of AUD\$2,000 for the best paper presented at the conference will be offered again in 2005. The winner of the Award will be judged by the Scientific Program Committee.

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**PLEASE QUOTE CONFERENCE CODE “SSA2006” when making your travel booking, this code must be quoted to access the specially designated Conference Airfares.**

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### PRESENTATION LENGTH

Papers selected should be suitable for a **10 minute presentation** with an additional allocation of **5 minutes for questions & answers.**

Abstracts submitted for oral and poster presentation maybe accepted as a full length oral presentation or as a short oral presentation in the poster session of the program. This will be a **5 minute oral presentation using no more than 8 slides including the title slide.**

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Please return abstracts together with the Abstract Cover Sheet no later than **1700 EST on Sunday 15 January 2006.** Abstracts received after this date **will not** be accepted. Please note all selected presenters must register for the conference to be eligible to present. The conference committee regrets that it is unable to meet any travel or reimbursement of expenses incurred.

### NOTIFICATION TO AUTHORS

All abstract submissions will be judged by the conference committee and you will be notified by mail of the committee's decision after **Monday 20 February 2006**

### LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATION

Submission of your abstract implies your consent to the abstract, if accepted, being published in the Orthopaedic Publication Supplement of the JBJS (B) and on the JBJS Website.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

The abstract should provide sufficient information to allow the reader to assess fully the aims, methods, results and implications of the work undertaken.

Each submission must be original work that has not been published previously. **The abstract should include the following sections:**

- ▶ **Introduction** – the purpose of the study and a brief overview of relevant literature/current state of research in the field
- ▶ **Methods** – a short explanation of data collection and processing
- ▶ **Results** – presented in the form of text, graphics or tables. Important statistical results (small p values or correlation coefficients) should be included.
- ▶ **Discussion** – major findings and conclusions from the work including implications for further research

It is important that methods and results are clearly defined in the abstract; therefore, general statements such as “results will be presented” are not acceptable. When a procedure or method is stated to have “advantages,” those advantages should be defined. Abstracts that simply summarise results without defining objectives and methods are equally undesirable.

## LAYOUT

- ▶ Abstracts must be written within a **160mm x 245mm rectangular space** on an single **A4 page (210mm x 297mm)**
- ▶ **Portrait** orientation
- ▶ **Margins** are all to be **20mm**
- ▶ Text should be left-justified and single spaced
- ▶ Font should be **Arial** typeface and **12 point** character size, mixed case throughout only the title is to appear in Upper case

## TITLE AND AUTHOR

At the beginning of the abstract please include within the rectangular space described previously and each on a new line:

- ▶ The title (**BOLD, UPPER CASE**)
- ▶ The name(s) of the author(s) – please omit university degrees and titles (Presenter to be underlined)
- ▶ Affiliation(s), city and country – please omit street address and postcode
- ▶ Leave one line before commencing the body of the text

## SECTION HEADINGS AND PARAGRAPHS

- ▶ Use the prescribed headings only
- ▶ The title of each section is to be in bold title case and left justified
- ▶ Leave a 6-space indentation at the beginning of each new paragraph
- ▶ Graphs, tables and references may be used throughout the abstract but must remain within the defined one-page limit

(GENERAL GUIDELINES CONTINUED)

## FIGURES AND TABLES

- ▶ Each figure and table is to be numbered and have a short caption
- ▶ Figures and tables must be referred to in the text
- ▶ Figures, tables and their captions must remain within the defined text limits

## REFERENCES

- ▶ Minimise the number of references
- ▶ References are to be assigned a number after the appropriate detail e.g. Jones <sup>1</sup>, technique <sup>2-4,6</sup> or if superscription is not available Jones (1), technique (2-4,6) List references at the end of the abstract according to the style –  
I. Author, A.N. and Other, A.N., Title of Paper, Journal, vol: pp-pp, year

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- ▶ Follow the General Guidelines above
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- ▶ All photographs and diagrams must be embedded within the abstract
- ▶ Submit completed coversheet and abstract as attachments in Microsoft Word to your email
- ▶ Send email to [2006ssa@tayloredimages.com.au](mailto:2006ssa@tayloredimages.com.au)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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SSA Member  SSA Non Member

Title:  Prof.  Assoc. Prof.  Dr  Mr  Ms  Miss  Mrs

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ A / H: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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Adults Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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